

House Resolution No. 2004

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself as a leader of his community; and

Whereas, the Honorable Ron Van Winkle, an esteemed resident of Smithville, Missouri, officially stepped down as Mayor of the City of Smithville on April 6, 2004; and

Whereas, Mayor Van Winkle brought a wealth of experience to his role as Mayor for the past eight years, prior to which time he served as a member of the Board of Aldermen, Planning Commission, Park Board, and Cable Committee for a combined total of eight years; and

Whereas, a dedicated public servant, Mayor Van Winkle has witnessed with pleasure as the construction of the dam and the opening of Smithville Lake have contributed to an increase in the City's population from 2,525 in the 1990s to approximately 7,000 today; and

Whereas, Mayor Van Winkle is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with such important organizations as the Missouri Municipal League, Clay County Coordinating Council, Smithville Chamber of Commerce, State Farm Insurance Agents, the Kiwanis Club, V.F.W., Masons, Shriners, and the Missouri Western Parents Council, of which he is a founding member; and

Whereas, a United States Navy veteran, Mayor Van Winkle has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include his devoted wife, Janice; his children and their spouses, Dean and Cindy Van Winkle, Laura and Steve Craig, Beth and Terry Cook, and Debbie and Brad Dye; his grandchildren, Kelly, Kyle, Klint, Cara and Tom, Cameron, Kalyn, Kennedy, Turner, Brandon, Brooke, Brandon, and Alicia; and his great-grandchildren, Jack, Carter, and Reba:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Mayor Van Winkle for his sixteen years of unparalleled service to the City of Smithville, and in wishing him the long, enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Honorable Ron Van Winkle.

Offered by _____
Representative Doug Ervin
District No. 35

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2004, adopted April 21, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker